

minimum, equivalent to the services provided through the center-based program option or the home-based program option.

(2) Acceptable combinations of minimum number of class sessions and corresponding number of home visits are shown below. Combination programs must provide these services over a period of 8 to 12 months.

Number of class sessions	Number of home visits
96	8
92-95	9
88-91	10
84-87	11
80-83	12
76-79	13
72-75	14
68-71	15
64-67	16
60-63	17
56-59	18
52-55	19
48-51	20
44-47	21
40-43	22
36-39	23
32-35	24

(3) The following are examples of various configurations that are possible for a program that operates for 32 weeks:

- A program operating classes three days a week and providing one home visit a month (96 classes and 8 home visits a year);
- A program operating classes two days a week and providing two home visits a month (64 classes and 16 home visits a year);
- A program operating classes one day a week and providing three home visits a month (32 classes and 24 home visits a year).

(4) Grantees operating the combination program option must make a reasonable estimate of the number of days during a year that centers may be closed due to problems such as inclement weather or illness, based on their experience in previous years. Grantees must make provisions in their budgets and program plans to operate make-up classes up to the estimated number, and provide these classes, when necessary, to prevent the number of days of classes from falling below the number required by paragraph (a)(2) of this section. Grantees must make up planned home visits that were canceled by the program or by the program staff if this is necessary to meet the minimums required by paragraph (a)(2) of

this section. Medical or social service appointments may not replace home visits.

(b) *Requirements for class sessions:* (1) Grantees implementing the combination program option must comply with the class size requirements contained in § 1306.32(a).

(2) The provisions of the following sections apply to grantees operating the combination program option: § 1306.32(b) (2), (5), (6), (7) and (9).

(3) If a grantee operates a double session or a full day variation, it must meet the provisions concerning double-sessions contained in § 1306.32(c)(1) and (3) and the provisions for the center-based program option's full day variation found in § 1306.32(d).

(c) *Requirements for home visits:* (1) Home visits must last for a minimum of 1 and ½ hours each.

(2) The provisions of the following section, concerning the home-based program option, must be adhered to by grantees implementing the combination program option: § 1306.33(a) (4) and (5); and § 1306.33(b).

§ 1306.35 Additional Head Start program option variations.

In addition to the center-based, home-based and combination program options defined above, the Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families retains the right to fund alternative program variations to meet the unique needs of communities or to demonstrate or test alternative approaches for providing Head Start services.

§ 1306.36 Compliance waiver.

An exception to one or more of the requirements contained in §§ 1306.32 through 1306.34 of subpart C will be granted only if the Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families determines, on the basis of supporting evidence, that the grantee made a reasonable effort to comply with the requirement but was unable to do so because of limitations or circumstances with a specific community or communities served by the grantee.